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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3729

Application No.: 10/560,856

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For: A STACKING METHOD OF GREEN SHEETS AND A METHOD OF MULTILAYER CERAMIC ELECTRONIC DEVICE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the October 27, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1-10 are pending this application.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 5, 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C §102(b) as being anticipated by Suzuki (JP-2003-095740); and rejects claim 6 under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki in view of Natarajan (U.S. Patent No. 6,245,171). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

In particular, the primary reference, Suzuki, fails to qualify as prior art. The effective U.S. filing date of this application is the PCT filing date, June 17, 2004. See, e.g., MPEP 1893.03 (b). Suzuki has a publication date of October 28, 2004. Because the effective U.S. filing date of this application pre-dates the publication date of the primary reference, Suzuki,